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FOR USEC JOHNSON

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM BAMAKO APRIL 24 REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION:

QUOTE:

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: EAID, XY

SUBJECT: ROME CONFERENCE OPERATION SAHEL

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PARIS FOR RAICHT - PLEASE DELIVER TO FERMINO SPENCER

1. THINK YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MALIANS, AND I UNDERSTAND, ALSO SOME OTHER SAHELIANS, UPSET THAT (A) CONFERENCE ON SAHEL BEING HELD IN ROME NOT IN AFRICA; (B) THAT REPRESENTATIVES AFRICAN COUNTRIES UNDER DISCUSSION NOT INVITED TO CONFERENCE (NOT SURE THIS IS TRUE, BUT UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE HERE SAYS IT IS SO); (C) THAT EUROPEAN, AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL
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DONORS DECIDING WHAT IS GOOD FOR SAHEL WITH ONLY BAREST PRIOR CONSULTATION; AND (D) THAT FAO- AND IN SOME PLACES WFP- ASSUMING COORDINATING ROLE FOR WHAT IS GOING TO BE AND SHOULD BE DONE FOR MALI, WITHOUT BEING INVITED TO DO SO.

2. SOME OF THIS IS NOT COMPLETELY LOGICAL AND MAY NOT BE TOTALLY TRUE FACTUALLY (MAYBE YOU CAN CLARIFY THESE POINTS FOR US). HOWEVER, IT DOES REPRESENT GENUINE REACTION TO WHAT MALIANS REGARD AS THE EUROPEAN " PAPA- KNOWS- BEST" SYNDROME. DOUBT

AT THIS STAGE THERE IS MUCH THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT CONFERENCE ITSELF. HOWEVER, ANYTHING YOU CAN DO ON THE RECORD TO DEMONSTRATE TO SAHELANS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR DESIRE NOT BE FACED WITH PRE- PACKAGED DECISIONS WILL CERTAINLY PAY OFF HERE. URGE THAT MAJOR EFFORTS BE MADE TO CHECK WITH SAHELIAN GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR CAPITALS ON MAJOR ASPECTS OF ANY PROGRAM BEFORE MAJOR PUBLICITY IS RELEASED. BLAKE. UNQUOTEIRWIN

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